

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

MELVIN DAVIS, SR.; CHARASE  
DORSEY; ANISHA BIRD; VIRECE  
BERRY; CARL COTTON, SR; SON OF  
MAN INC.; TEMESIA DAVIS;  
JASMINE McCOY; DANIELLE  
WASHINGTON; RAVEN J. WRIGHT;  
QUANTILA ROBERTSON, Next Friend  
for R.R.; IESHIA BLACKWELL,  
Individually and as Representative of  
the ESTATE OF CARL COLEMAN; and  
all other similarly situated,

No. 1:24-cv-00088

HON. PAUL L. MALONEY

MAG. JUDGE PHILLIP J. GREEN

Plaintiffs,

v

COUNTY OF BERRIEN; BERRIEN  
COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
STEVE PIERANGELI, Individually and  
in his Official Capacity; ASSISTANT  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY MARK  
SANFORD, Individually and in his  
Official Capacity; TAYLOR KOCH,  
Individually and in her official capacity;  
BERRIEN COUNTY SHERIFF L.  
PAUL BAILEY, Individually and in his  
Official Capacity; DEPUTY SHAWN  
YECH, Individually and in his Official  
Capacity; DEPUTY JACOB WILL,  
Individually and in his Official  
Capacity; DEPUTY JONATHAN  
BOWMAN, in his Official Capacity;  
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR;  
BENTON HARBOR PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIRECTOR, DANIEL E. MCGINNIS,  
JR., Individually and in his Official  
Capacity; BENTON HARBOR  
HOUSING COMMISSION; CINDY  
DRAKE-COLLIER, in her Official  
Capacity; BENTON CHARTER

TOWNSHIP; OFFICER JOHN VISEL, Individually and in his Official capacity; LT. DT. MICHAEL DENDOOVEN, in his Official Capacity; STATE OF MICHIGAN; MICHIGAN STATE POLICE; DETECTIVE WILLIAM ASHLEY, Individually and in his Official Capacity; MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; REBECCA WRIGHT, Individually and in her Official Capacity; CONTINENTAL MANAGEMENT LLC; REGIONAL MANAGER STEVE COOK, Individually and in his Official Capacity; KEVIN MACKIN, Individually and in his Official Capacity; CALEB GRIMES, Individually and in his Official Capacity; SECRETARY MARCIA L. FUDGE, in her Official Capacity; DEPT. OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, and any yet to be discovered liable parties,

Defendants.

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**STIPULATED ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS  
STATE OF MICHIGAN AND MICHIGAN STATE POLICE AN  
EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST  
AMENDED COMPLAINT**

The parties having stipulated that Defendants State of Michigan and Michigan State Police require additional time to respond to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs having agreed to said Defendants' request for additional time, and the Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HERE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Defendants State of Michigan and Michigan State Police, shall have until July 8, 2024 to respond to Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint.

Date: May 16, 2024

/s/ Paul L. Maloney  
PAUL L. MALONEY  
U.S. District Court Judge

STIPULATED AND AGREED:

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